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Introduction

Banking. Employment growth. Farmworkers. Poverty. Health care. Housing. This issue of **Reports** focuses on these and other rural development topics covered in recent publications from the Economic Research Service.

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Economic Growth is Good for Everyone. Right?

Not necessarily, according to recent findings from USDA's Economic Research Service. Find out from these reports just what can happen when rapid economic growth comes to a rural area.

Distribution of Employment Growth in Nine Kentucky Counties: A Case Study, by Stan G. Daberkow, Donald K. Larson, Robert Coltrane, and Thomas A. Carlin. RDRR-41. August 1984. 44 pp. \$2.25. Order SN: 001-019-00337-5 from GPO.

People moving to a nonmetro area held a disproportionate share of jobs and of better paying executive jobs in growing business establishments. Manufacturing was the study area's major economic driving force, but the private service sector was an important contributor to job growth between 1974 and 1979.

Distribution of Employment Growth in 10 Georgia Counties: A Case Study, by James D. Schaub and Victor J. Oliveira. RDRR-53. November 1985. 48 pp. \$1.75. Order SN: 001-019-00412-6 from GPO.

Rapid economic growth in a 10-country rural area in south Georgia during 1976-81 favored employment of whites, men, and immigrants. A study of growth in a mixed manufacturing- and agricultural-based economy, from a research project on the impacts of economic expansion in nonmetro economies with different industrial bases.

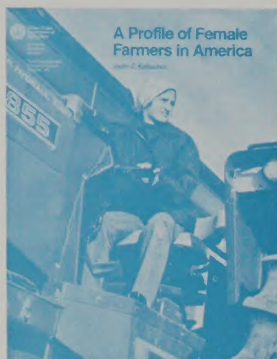
Distribution of Rural Employment Growth by Race: A Case Study, by Victor J. Oliveira. RDRR-54. January 1986. 28 pp. \$1.25. Order SN: 001-019-00422-3 from GPO.

During 1976-81, a period of rapid employment growth, the percentage of white women with jobs in the study area increased, while the percentage of black men with jobs decreased. Measures the effects of economic growth on whites and blacks in a 10-county area in rural Georgia, focusing on distribution of jobs.

Will Employment Growth Benefit All Households? A Case Study in Nine Nonmetro Kentucky Counties, by Donald K. Larson and Claudia K. White. RDRR-55. January 1986. 32 pp. \$1.25. Order SN: 001-019-00425-8 from GPO.

Overall employment growth in a rural area will probably not benefit all households or residents in that area. Although employment grew rapidly in a nine-county area of south-central Kentucky during 1974-79, only 18 percent of the households had members who took advantage of the new jobs.





A Profile of Female Farmers in America, by Judith Z. Kalbacher. RDRR-45. January 1985. 32 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00378-2 from GPO.

Although the number of U.S. farms is dropping, the number of female farmers is rising. They tend to run smaller farms and earn less than their male counterparts. Discusses social and economic characteristics of female farmers, including age, race, size of household, farm and off-farm income, types of farms female farmers most frequently run, and value of agricultural products sold.

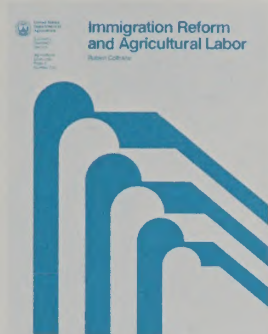
Counting Hired Farmworkers: Some Points To Consider, by Leslie A. Whitener. AER-524. December 1984. 16 pp. \$1.00. Order SN: 001-019-00367-7 from GPO.



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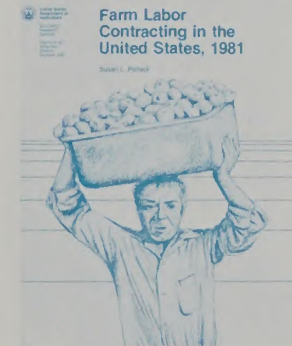
As many as two-thirds of the Nation's hired farmworkers may not have been counted in the 1980 Decennial Census farm labor categories because they were not working on farms in March when the data

were collected. Data suggest that the farm labor census data are more likely to describe workers employed in hired farmwork year round.



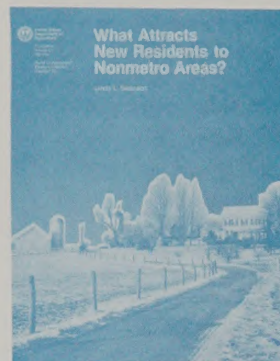
Immigration Reform and Agricultural Labor, by Robert Coltrane. AER-510. April 1984. 36 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-000-04411-7 from GPO.

Assesses effects of recent legislation proposing that farm employers hire either American workers or legal foreign workers. Labor-intensive farms, would be most affected by this legislation.



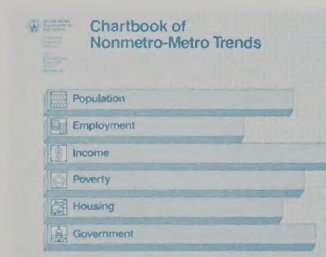
Farm Labor Contracting in the United States, 1981, by Susan L. Pollack. AER-542. November 1985. 20 pp. \$1.00. Order SN: 001-019-00426-6 from GPO.

Examines the characteristics of crew workers and noncrew workers in 1981 and looks at the Federal legislation designed to protect crew workers and to control farm labor contractors.



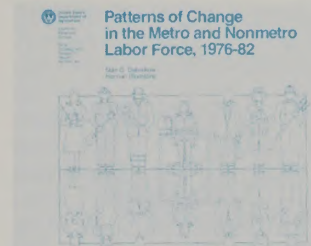
What Attracts New Residents to Nonmetro Areas? by Linda L. Swanson. RDRR-56. April 1986. 20 pp. \$1.00. Order SN: 001-019-00430-1 from GPO.

Most changes in the size and composition of a population occur because of the movement of residents rather than birth and death rates. This report assesses migration to nonmetro counties during 1975-80, whether the migrants came from metro or other nonmetro areas, and to what region they were most likely to move.



Chartbook of Nonmetro-Metro Trends. RDRR-43. September 1984. 48 pp. \$2.50. Order SN: 001-019-00351-1 from GPO.

A quick check on metro and nonmetro socioeconomic trends. Presents colorful maps, charts, tables, and text tracing differences in population, employment, income, poverty, housing, and government between nonmetro and metro America.



Patterns of Change in the Metro and Nonmetro Labor Force, 1976-82, by Stan G. Daberkow and Herman Bluestone. RDRR-44. December 1984. 28 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-019-00358-8 from GPO.

Nonmetro areas, particularly farm areas, lagged behind metro areas in employment growth during the 1976-82 period. This reversed a pattern of faster nonmetro growth in the late seventies and early eighties.



Do Bank Size and Metro-Nonmetro Location Affect Bank Behavior? by Daniel L. Milkove. RDRR-47. April 1985. 20 pp. \$1.00. Order SN: 001-019-00392-8 from GPO.

A bank's lending policies and aggressiveness in attracting large deposits depend more on size of the bank's assets than on its location. Many rural banks do take fewer risks than urban banks, but that's because of the small sizes (values of assets) of many rural banks, not their location. The kinds of deposits and investments a bank uses, the rate of loan losses, and its profitability indicate a bank's aggressiveness and lending policies.

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Rural Governments: Raising Revenues and Feeling the Pressure, by Richard J. Reeder. RDRR-51. July 1985. 40 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00399-5 from GPO.

Assesses fiscal pressures on local governments by looking at locally raised taxes and user fees as a percentage of local income. Some local governments in nonmetro areas experienced severe fiscal stress during the 1970's because of high and rising local taxes. These governments may be forced to cut back rural development activities in the 1980's.

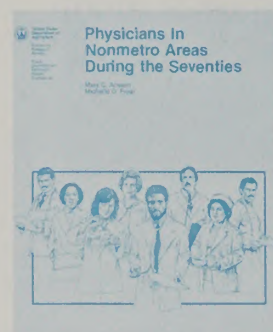
Housing of the Rural Elderly
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Housing of the Rural Elderly, by Gail D. Arnold. RDRR-42. July 1984. 20 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00335-9 from GPO.

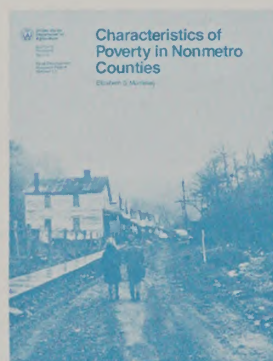
The number of rural elderly households rose 16 percent between 1974 and 1979, compared with a 10-percent increase for all U.S. households, according to this study based on the 1979 Annual

Housing Survey. Most of the U.S. elderly live in adequate housing, but 27 percent of the elderly renters and 18 percent of all the elderly living in the South have inadequate housing.



Physicians in Nonmetro Areas During the Seventies, by Mary A. Ahearn and Michelle D. Fryar. RDRR-46. March 1985. 28 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00380-4 from GPO.

The gap between the number of physicians in nonmetro and metro areas widened during the seventies, with nonmetro areas lagging by almost 100 physicians per 100,000 population. Describes availability of physicians in nonmetro areas in light of population changes and demand for medical care.



Characteristics of Poverty in Nonmetro Counties, by Elizabeth S. Morrissey. RDRR-52. July 1985. 16 pp. \$1.00. Order SN: 001-019-00400-2 from GPO.

Identifies the unique characteristics of nonmetro counties

with large proportions of persons living in poverty. Knowing these characteristics can help public officials develop successful antipoverty programs.

Economic Structure and Change in Persistently Low-Income Nonmetro Counties
Robert A. Hoppe



Economic Structure and Change in Persistently Low-Income Nonmetro Counties, by Robert A. Hoppe. RDRR-50. October 1985. 36 pp. \$2.25. Order SN: 001-019-00413-4 from GPO.

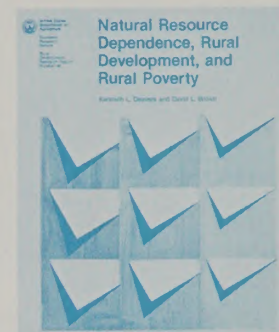
Examines what happened to persistently low-income counties (originally identified in 1950) in 1959, 1969, and during the seventies. Some nonmetro areas, largely in the South, remained as severely depressed as they had originally been.

The Diverse Social and Economic Structure of Nonmetropolitan America
Lloyd D. Bender, Bernal L. Green, Thomas F. Hady, John A. Kuehn, Marlys K. Nelson, Leon B. Perkinson, and Peggy J. Ross



The Diverse Social and Economic Structure of Nonmetropolitan America, by Lloyd D. Bender, Bernal L. Green, Thomas F. Hady, John A. Kuehn, Marlys K. Nelson, Leon B. Perkinson, and Peggy J. Ross. RDRR-49. October 1985. 36 pp. \$1.50. Order SN: 001-019-00389-8 from GPO.

Identifies rural counties according to their major economic base, presence of federally owned land, or population characteristics: (1) counties heavily dependent on farming, (2) counties heavily dependent on manufacturing, (3) counties dependent on mining, (4) counties specializing in government functions, (5) persistent poverty counties, (6) Federal lands counties, and (7) retirement settlements.



Natural Resource Dependence, Rural Development, and Rural Poverty, by Kenneth L. Deavers and David L. Brown. RDRR-48. July 1985. 24 pp. \$1.00. Order SN: 001-019-00395-2 from GPO.

Rural poverty and population decline are now only weakly connected with a rural county's economic dependence on agriculture, mining, or Federal landownership. Examines the influence of natural resource dependence on rural income levels and recent population growth.

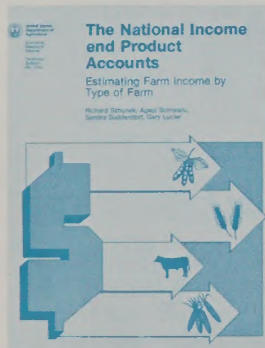
1985 Agricultural Chartbook. AH-652. December 1985. 96 pp. \$3.50. Order SN: 001-019-00428-2 from GPO.

A valuable research tool, popular teaching device, and convenient format for presenting a complete overview of the agricultural sector. The 278 charts illustrate data and trends for agricultural subjects ranging from farm income to consumer costs, and from commodities to agricultural trade.



Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, by Lewrene K. Glaser. AIB-498. April 1986. 116 pp. \$5.50. Order SN: 001-019-00461-4 from GPO.

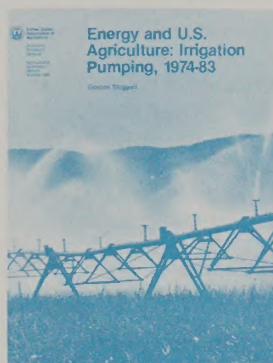
The Food Security Act of 1985 will guide U.S. agricultural policy for the next 4 years. This new report summarizes the act's provisions for USDA's commodity, trade, nutrition, and conservation programs, among others, in detail. It also compares the 1985 Act with previous legislation and summarizes the Food Security Improvements Act of 1986.



The National Income and Product Accounts: Estimating Farm Income by Type of Farm, by Richard Simunek, Agapi Somwaru, Sandra Suddendorf, and Gary Lucier. TB-1710. December 1985. 60 pp. \$2.00 Order SN: 001-019-00394-4 from GPO.

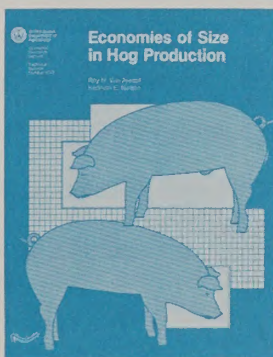
Identifies data limitations, advantages in estimating farm income by type of farm, and the implications of SIC-based measures. U.S. farms are be-

coming increasingly specialized, limiting the usefulness of traditional aggregate analysis.



Energy and U.S. Agriculture: Irrigation Pumping, 1974-83, by Gordon Sloggett. AER-545. December 1985. 52 pp. \$1.75. Order SN: 001-019-00421-5 from GPO.

Updates 1980 irrigation estimates focusing on 1983 pump-irrigated farmland, prospects for irrigation, and fuel costs. U.S. land irrigated with onfarm pumped water increased by 9.5 million acres to 44.5 million acres during 1974-83.



Economies of Size in Hog Production, by Roy N. Van Arsdall and Kenneth E. Nelson. TB-1712. December 1985. 100 pp. \$3.50. Order SN: 001-019-00417-7 from GPO.

Discusses economies of size in hog production: inputs and costs, investments in depreciable assets, returns, income taxes, and physical, price, and

economic performance measures in the North Central and Southeast regions, the major U.S. hog producing areas.



Farm Real Estate: Historical Series Data, 1950-85, by John Jones and Charles H. Barnard. SB-738. December 1985. 56 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-019-00434-7 from GPO.

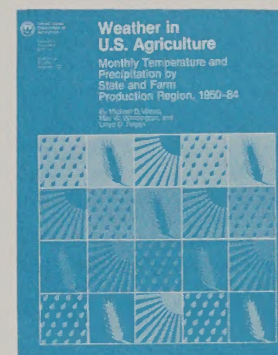
Historical data on farm numbers, land in farms, and average dollar value of land and buildings (by acre, farm, and total value). Includes farm real estate debt, and farm real estate taxes per \$100 value. Data reported by State and by 48-State totals.

U.S. Demand for Food: A Complete System of Price and Income Effects, by Kuo S. Huang. TB-1714. December 1985. 60 pp. \$2.00. Order SN: 001-019-00433-9 from GPO.

A complete matrix of all direct, cross-price, and expenditure elasticities for 40 food items and 1 nonfood item. The estimated demand system examines the interdependent nature of demand for foods in terms of price and income effects.

Implications of World Sugar Markets, Policies, and Production Costs for U.S. Sugar, by Frederic L. Hoff and Max Lawrence. AER-543. November 1985. 44 pp. \$1.75. Order SN: 001-019-00424-0 from GPO.

Analyzes production costs of 56 sugarcane producing countries and 26 sugarbeet producing countries to determine the conditions under which total world sugar production has expanded since 1981, despite low prices. Most major sugar producing and exporting countries have adopted national policies to protect domestic producers from periodic price depressions.



Weather in U.S. Agriculture: Monthly Temperature and Precipitation by State and Farm Production Region, 1950-84, by Michael D. Weiss, Mae W. Whittington, and Lloyd D. Teigen. SB-737. December 1985. 252 pp. \$9.00. Order SN: 001-019-00431-2 from GPO.

Monthly temperature and precipitation by State and farm production regions for the 48 contiguous States and 10 U.S. farm production regions 1950-84. Data are weighted by geographic area and by harvested cropland area.

Differing Effects of Farm Commodity Programs on Land Returns and Land Values, by Karl Gertel. AER-544. November 1985. 8 pp. \$1.00. Order SN: 001-019-00420-7 from GPO.

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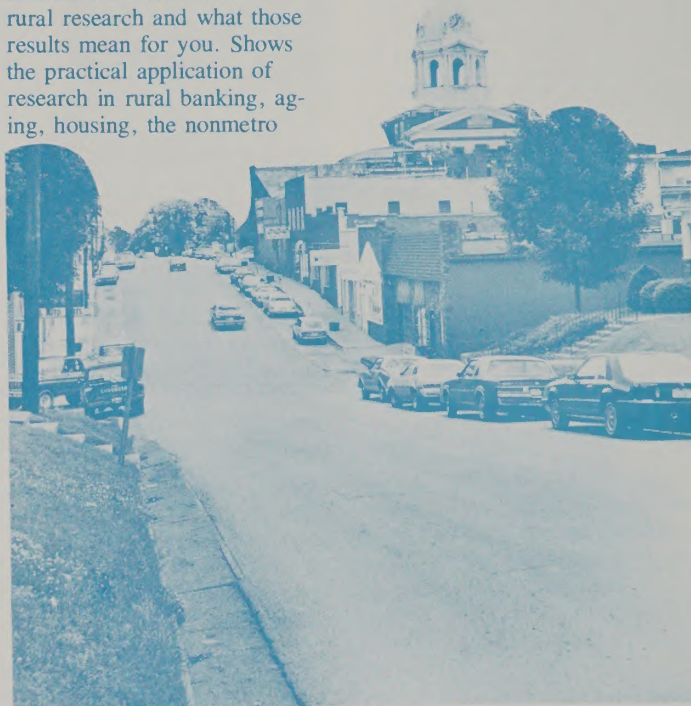
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